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Wholesale Carrier EVPL

Interconnect Guide

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Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to illustrate how the each new EVPL Metro Ethernet Network (MEN) is configured. Included are updates we have implemented to consolidate their coverage where possible. The goal is to increase understanding of the MENs and provide recommended Interconnect points where a carrier may place an NNI and have the ability to service an entire MEN.

Naming Conventions

EVPL

Our ILEC-offered Ethernet Virtual Private Line service offered in legacy CenturyTel and Embarq territories. The service was formerly tariffed by the ILECs but was recently granted forbearance, giving CenturyLink additional flexibility to offer EVPL service on a more competitive basis.

EVPL Cloud

This describes how serving wire centers are grouped to form Ethernet service territories. Historically, the network was divided up into serving areas based on geographic, regulatory, or technical criteria.

EVPL MENs

Metro Ethernet Networks – Are new coverage areas made up of one or more EVPL Clouds that have been interconnected to enhance their marketability. A single aggregation point (NNI) can serve the entirety of these new areas.

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About Carrier Interconnection

What is Carrier Interconnection?

Wholesale Carrier customers desire to buy Local Access from ILECs such as CenturyLink to complete their network solutions usually on their own IP networks. In order to use Local Access using switched Ethernet, customers must first purchase an "Aggregation UNI" (User Network Interface) or "NNI/ENNI" (Network-to-Network Interface / Extended Network-to-Network Interface), to be able to route their end-user "EVCs" (Ethernet Virtual Connection) to their IP gateways.

When evaluating whether and where to buy Local Access Interconnects, these carriers must develop their own business cases that demonstrate the benefits in investing in such an Aggregation UNI or NNI/ENNI. They must often consider the market(s) served, the market size, the potential business, and then compare those factors the cost of the Interconnect.

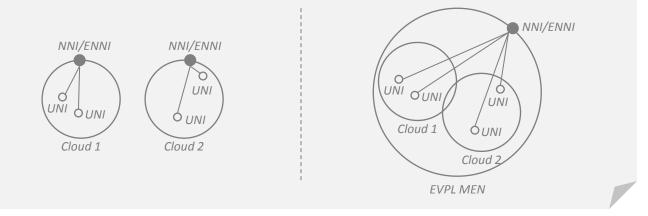
What are CenturyLink's solutions for Carrier Interconnection?

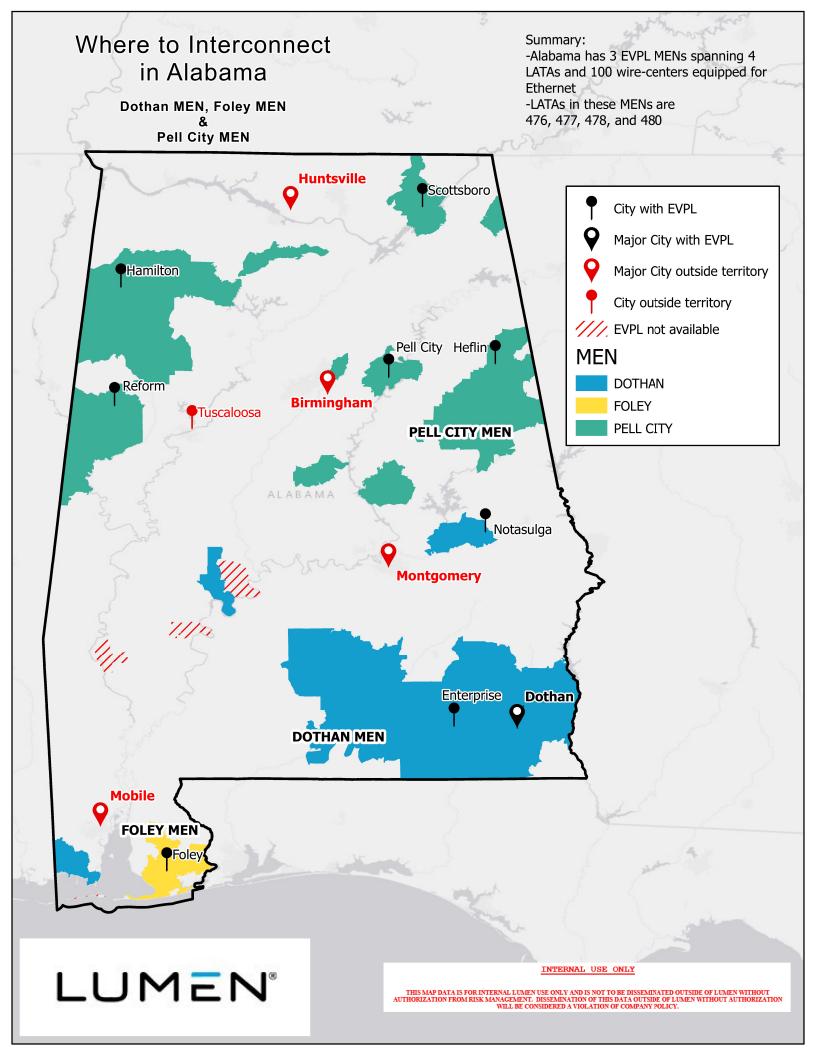
CenturyLink has had great success serving our large metropolitan areas covered under our MOE product (Metro Optical Ethernet). This product however does not cover all of our footprint. Another product, acquired from legacy companies, fills that gap in the form of EVPL (Ethernet Virtual Private Line). EVPL performs very similarly, and in some cases identical to the MOE product.

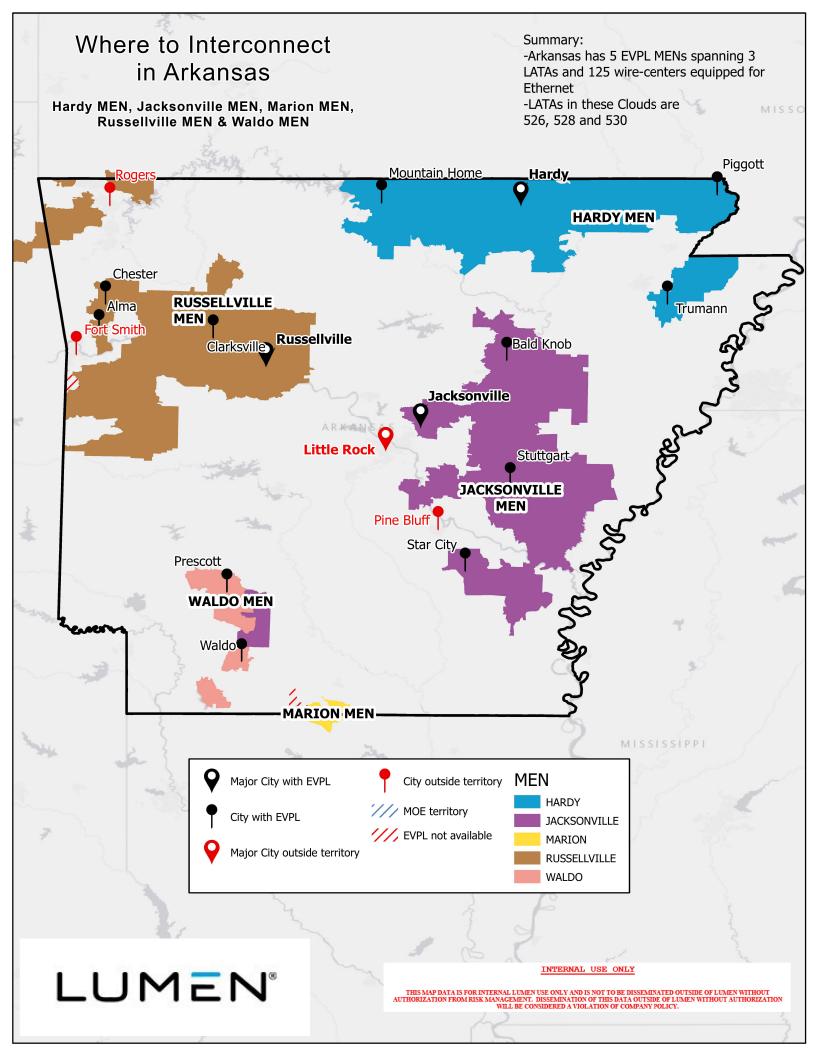
Challenges with CenturyLink's EVPL Carrier Interconnection

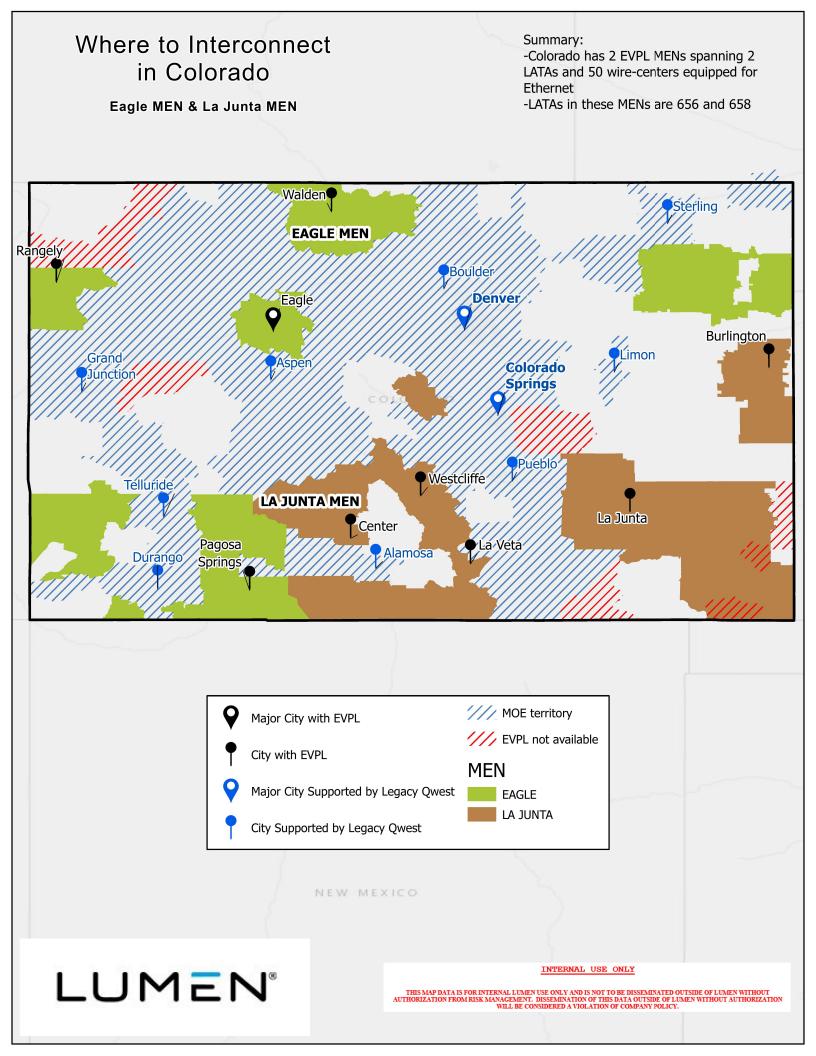
CenturyLink's legacy territories (Embarq and CenturyTel) are often rural in nature, and in many instances surround a metropolitan area rather than penetrate into the urban framework of the city itself.

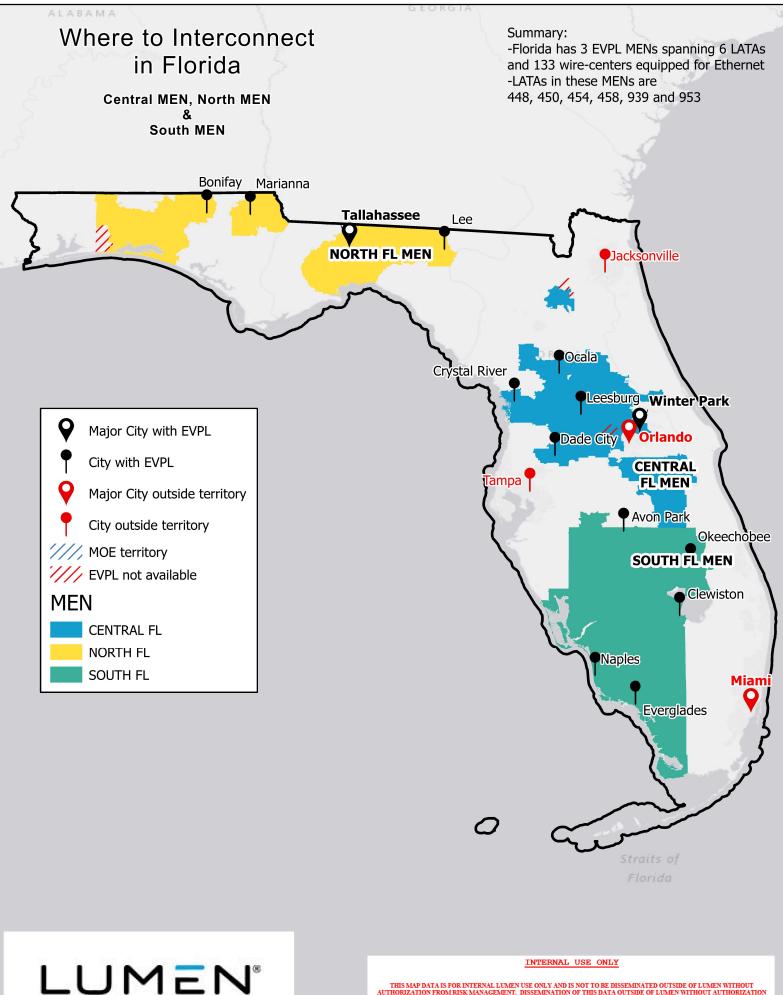
With the creation of the EVPL MENs, CenturyLink was successful in consolidating many of the EVPL Clouds into EVPL MENs. Over time, we expect the coverage area of each MEN to be larger which, will make interconnection an easier decision for Wholesale Carriers.



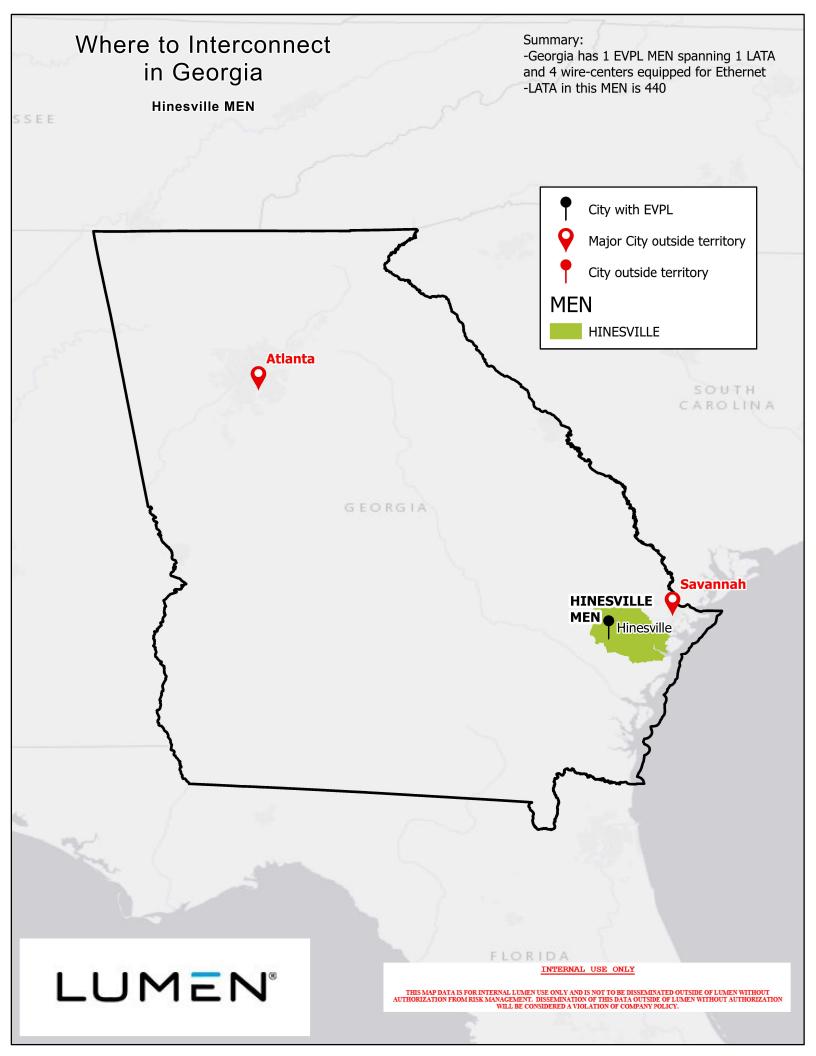


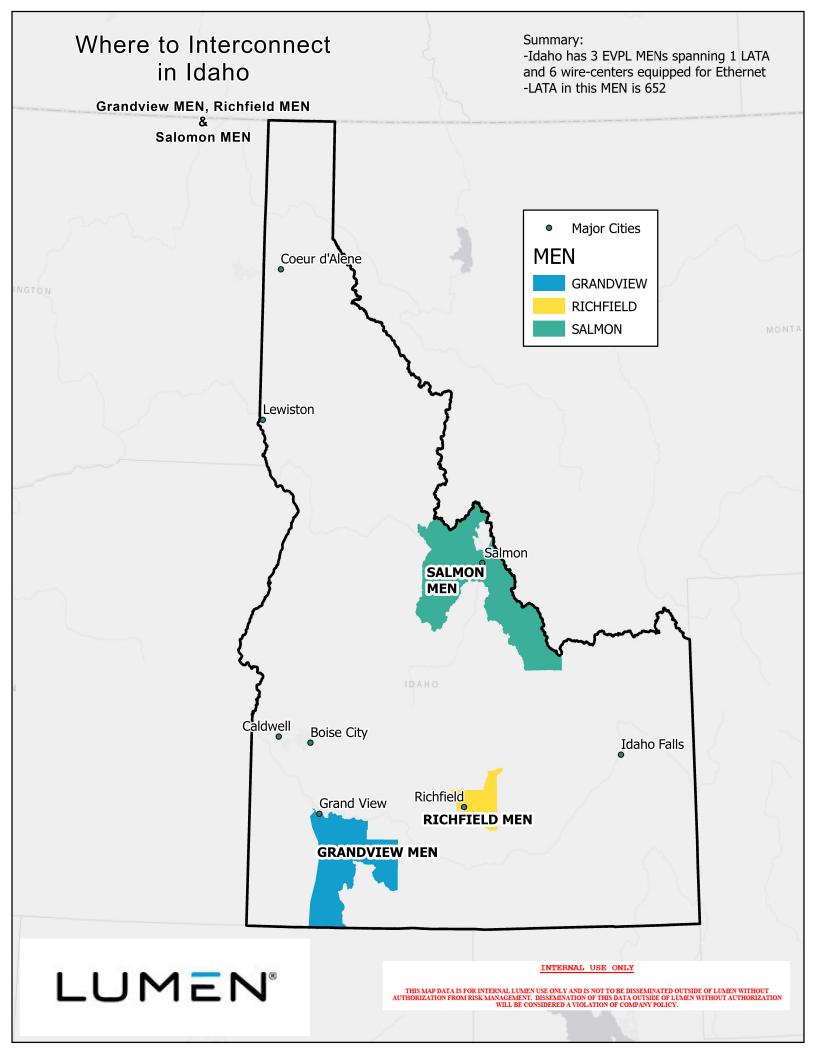


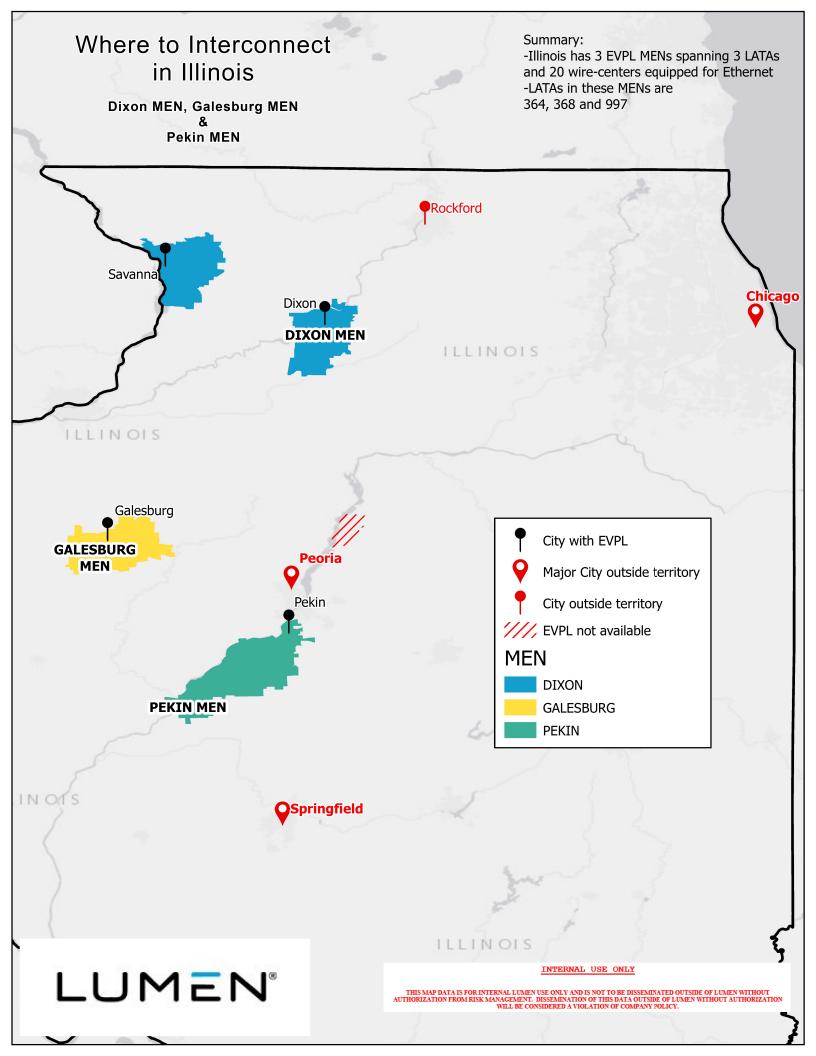




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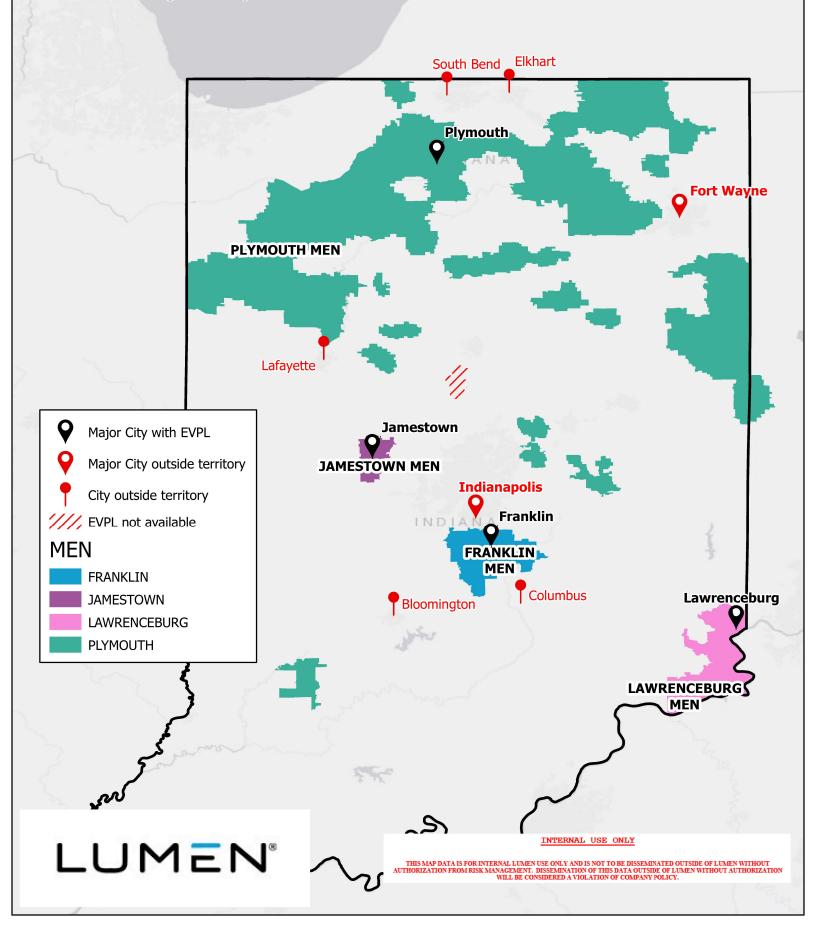


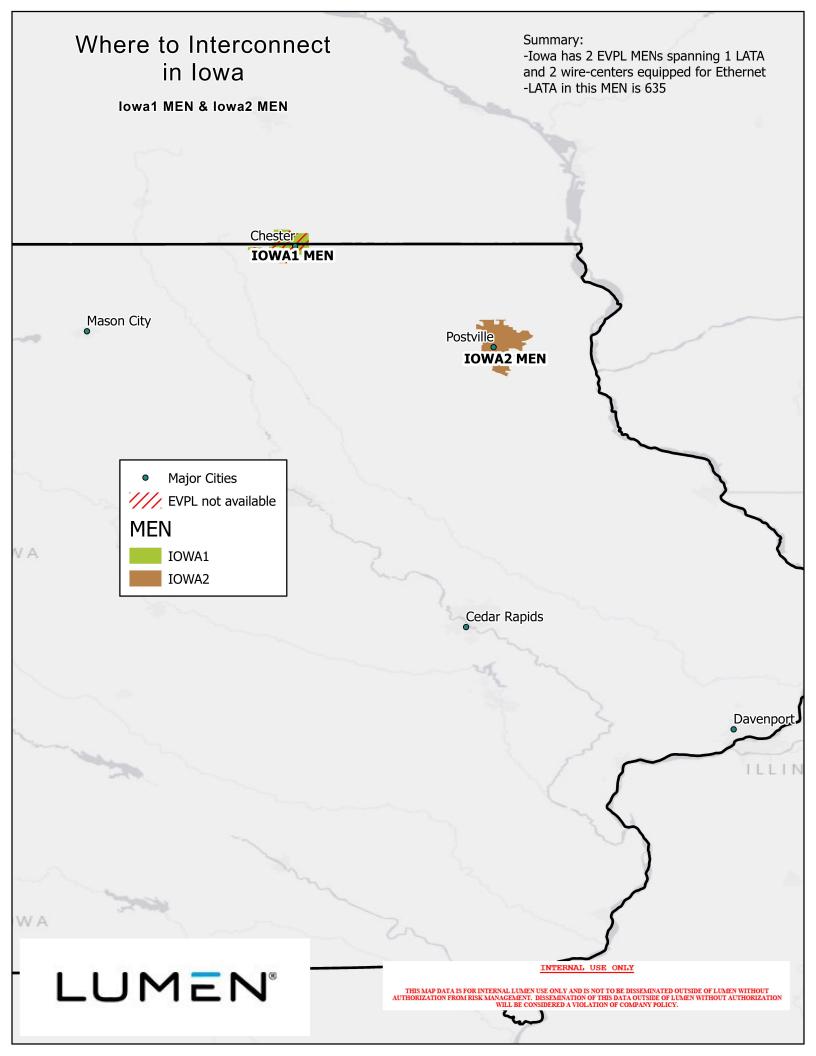


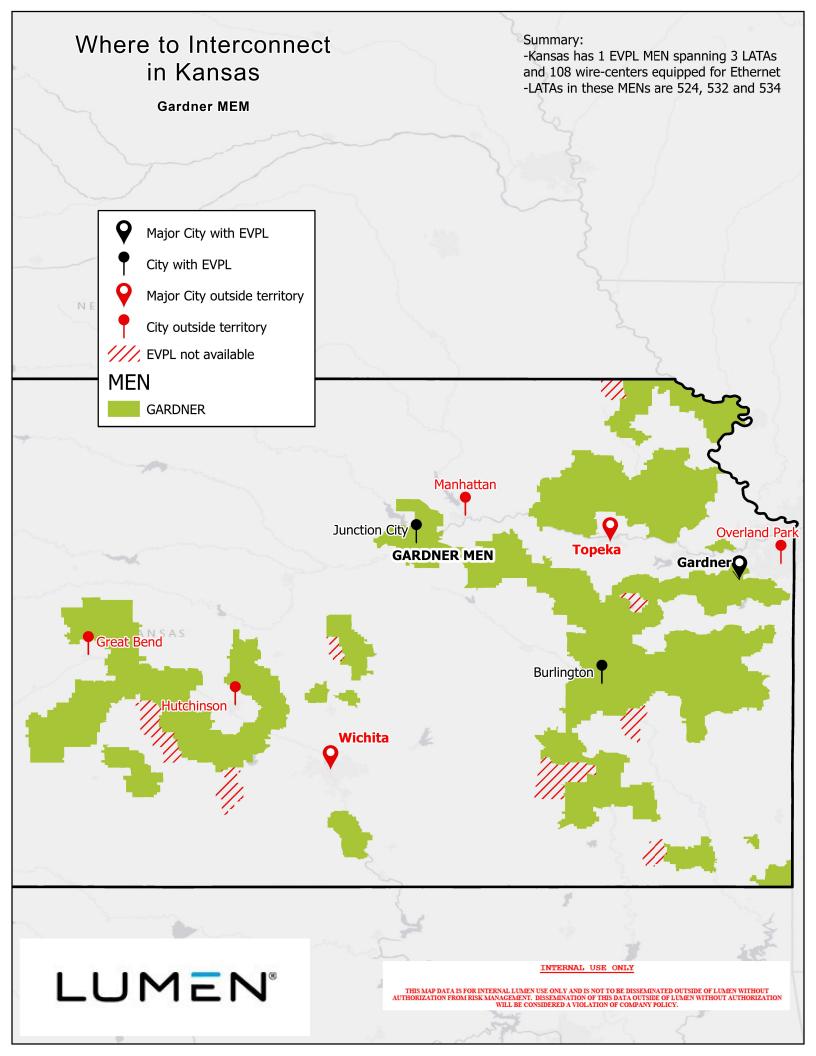


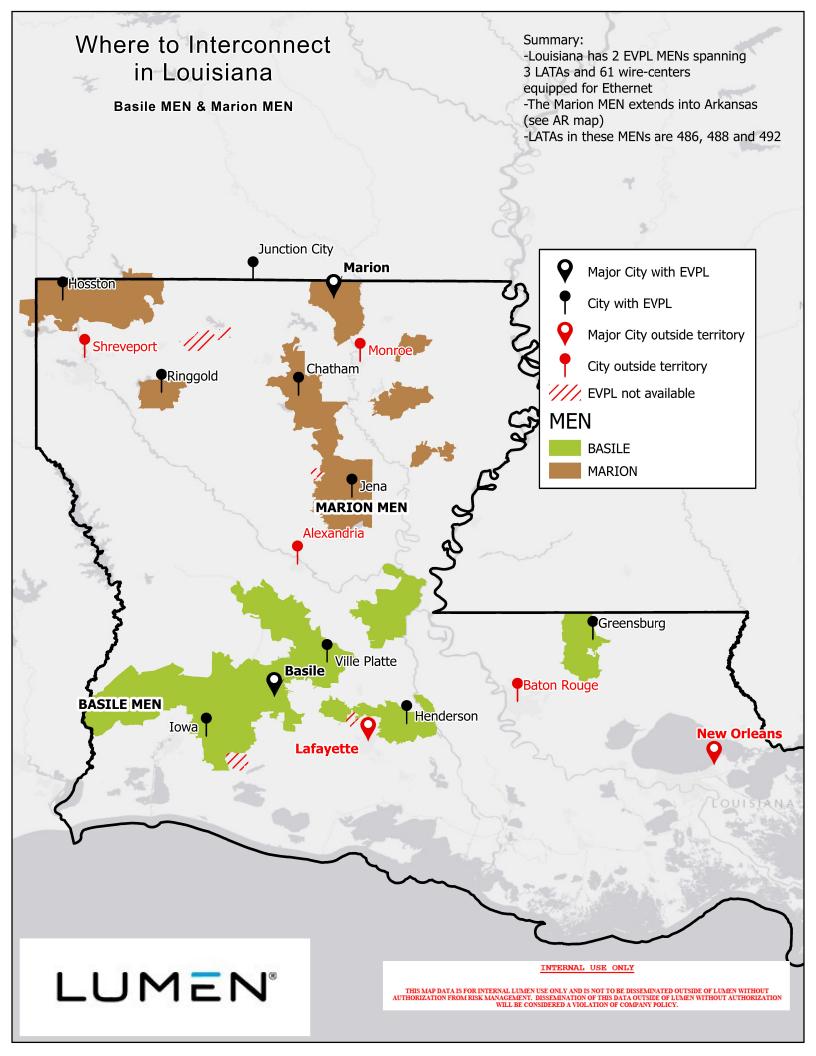
Where to Interconnect in Indiana

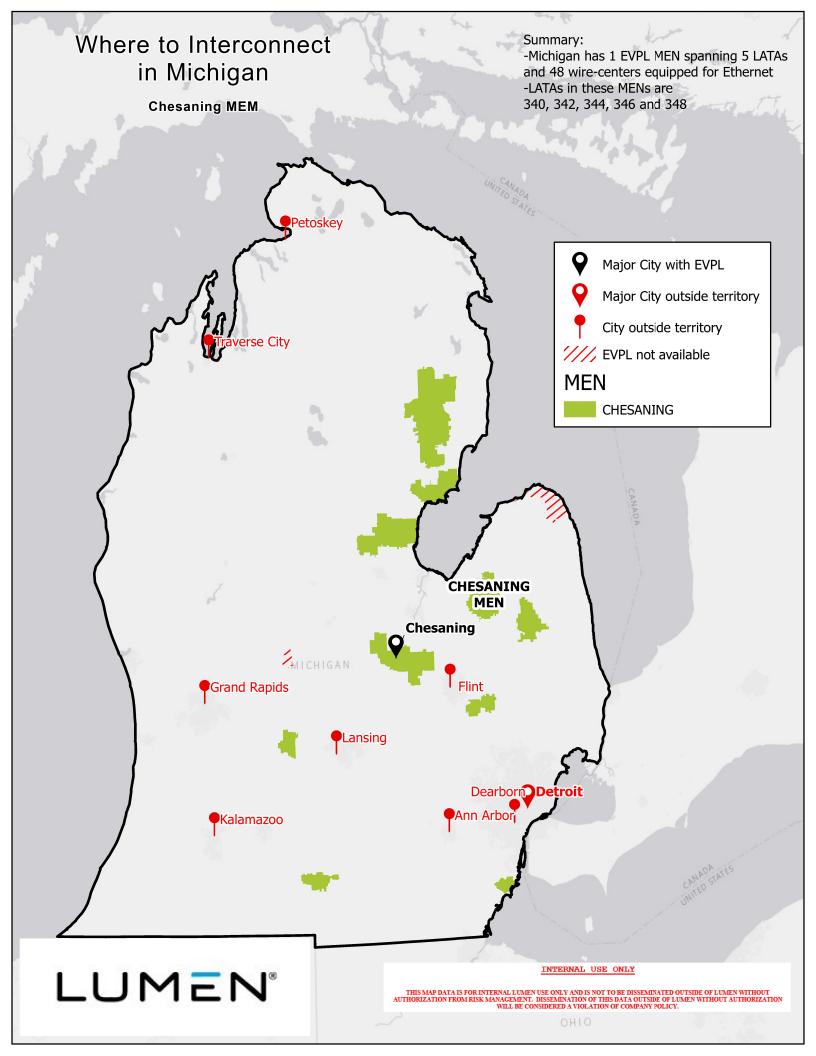
Franklin MEN, Jamestown MEN, Lawrenceburg MEN & Plymouth MEN Summary: -Indiana has 4 EVPL MENs spanning 5 LATAs and 94 wire-centers equipped for Ethernet -LATAs in these MENs are 332, 334, 336, 922 and 937

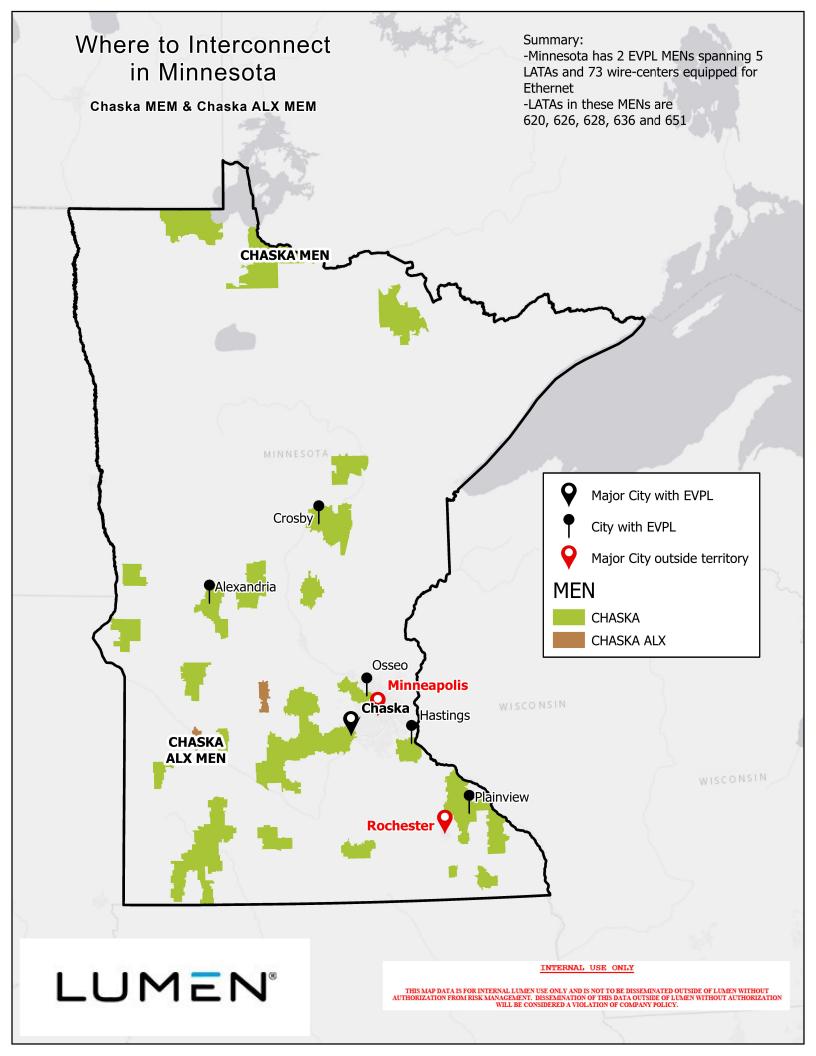


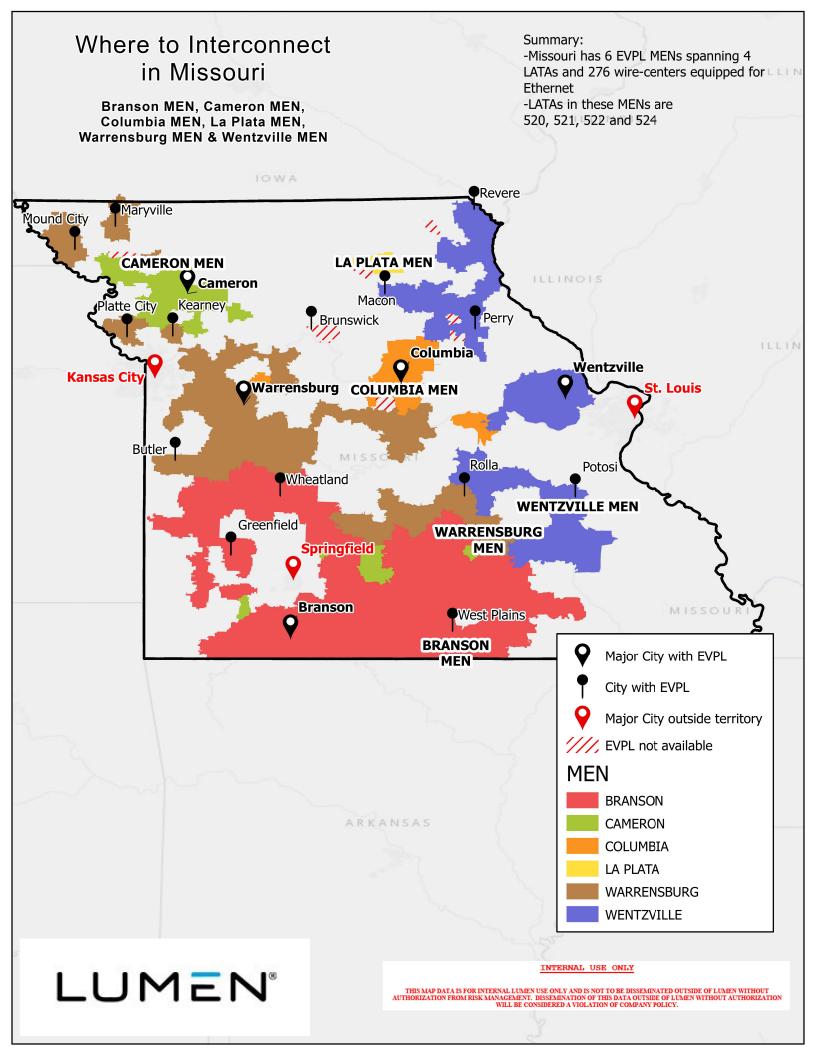


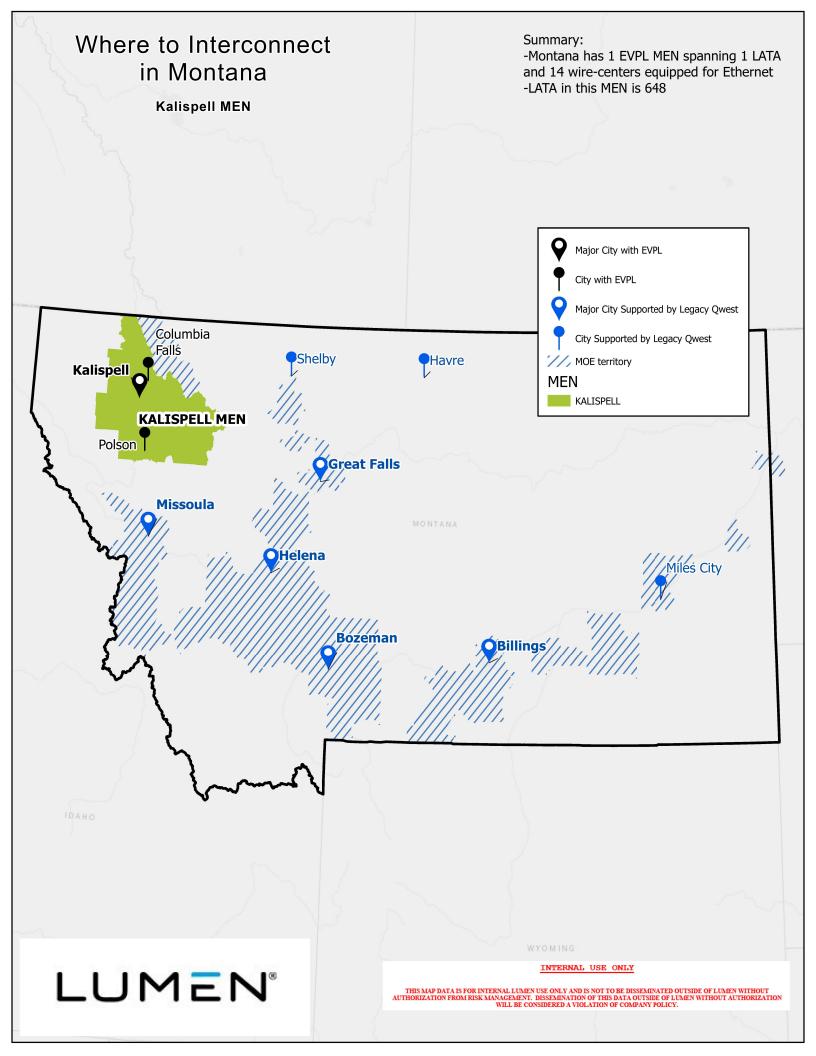


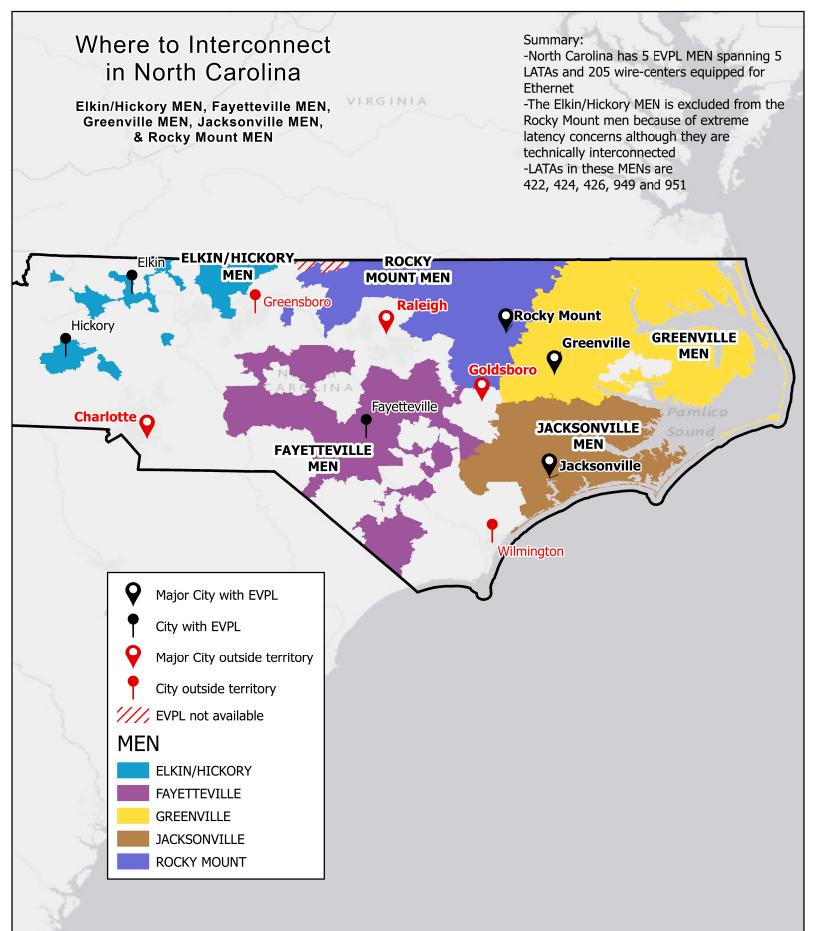








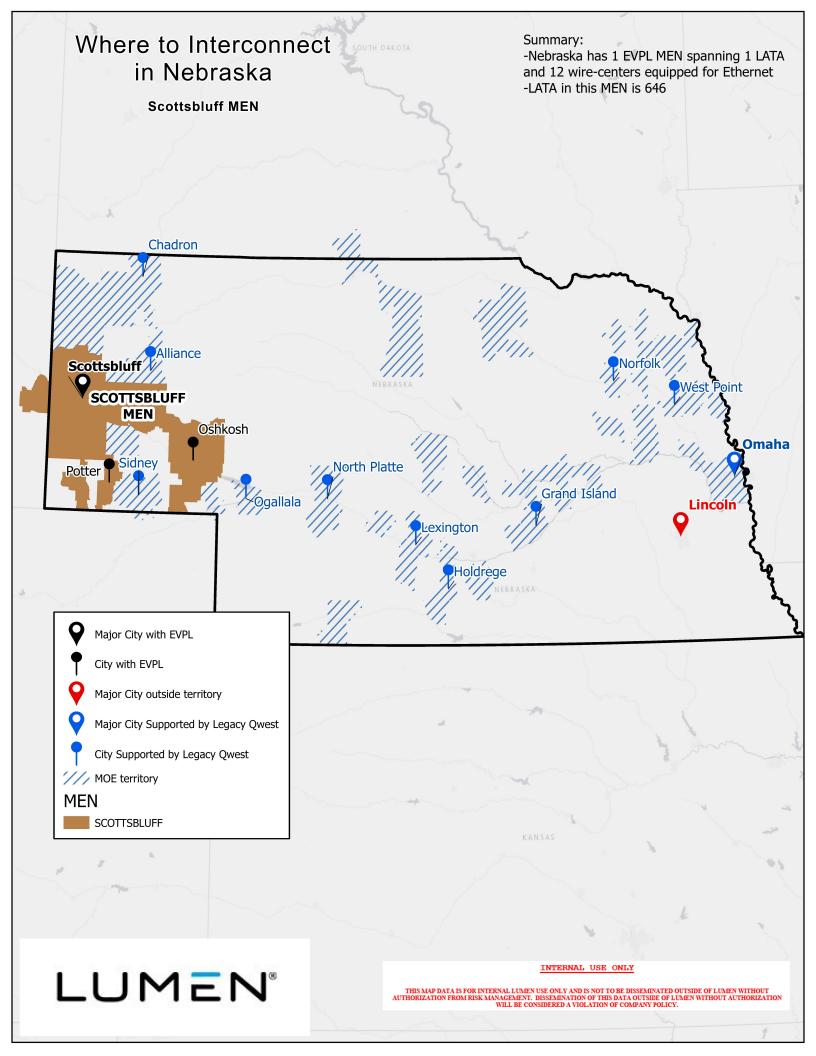


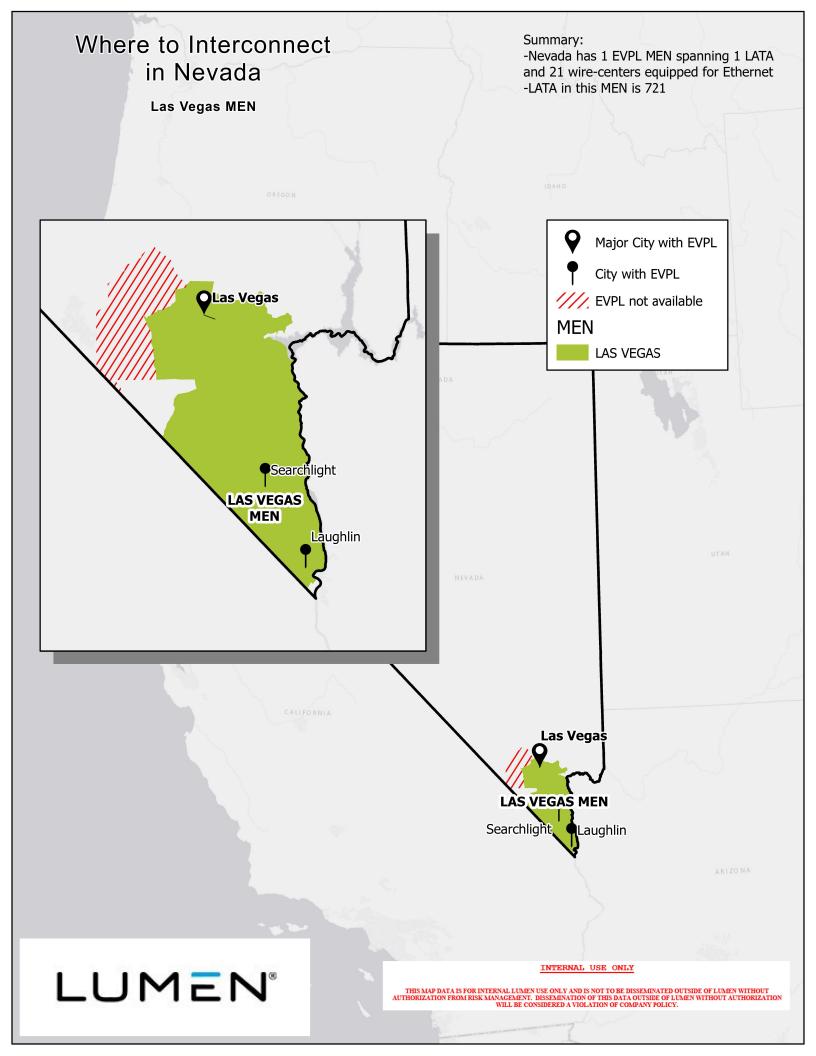


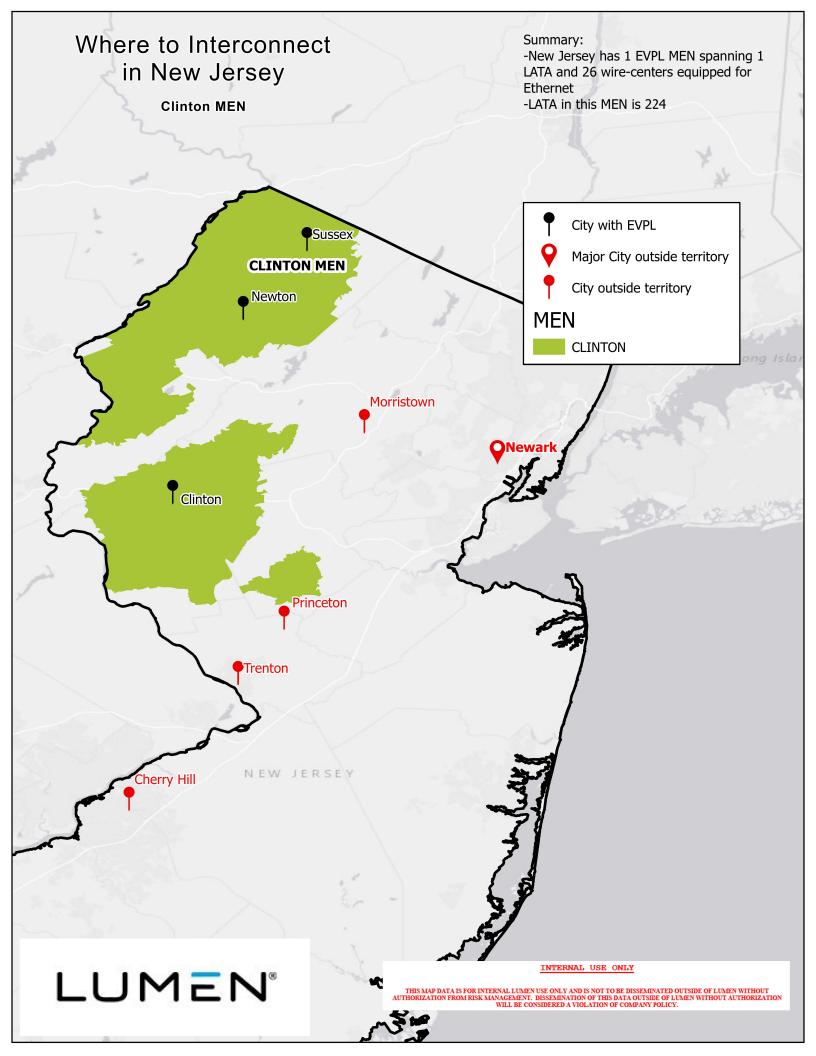
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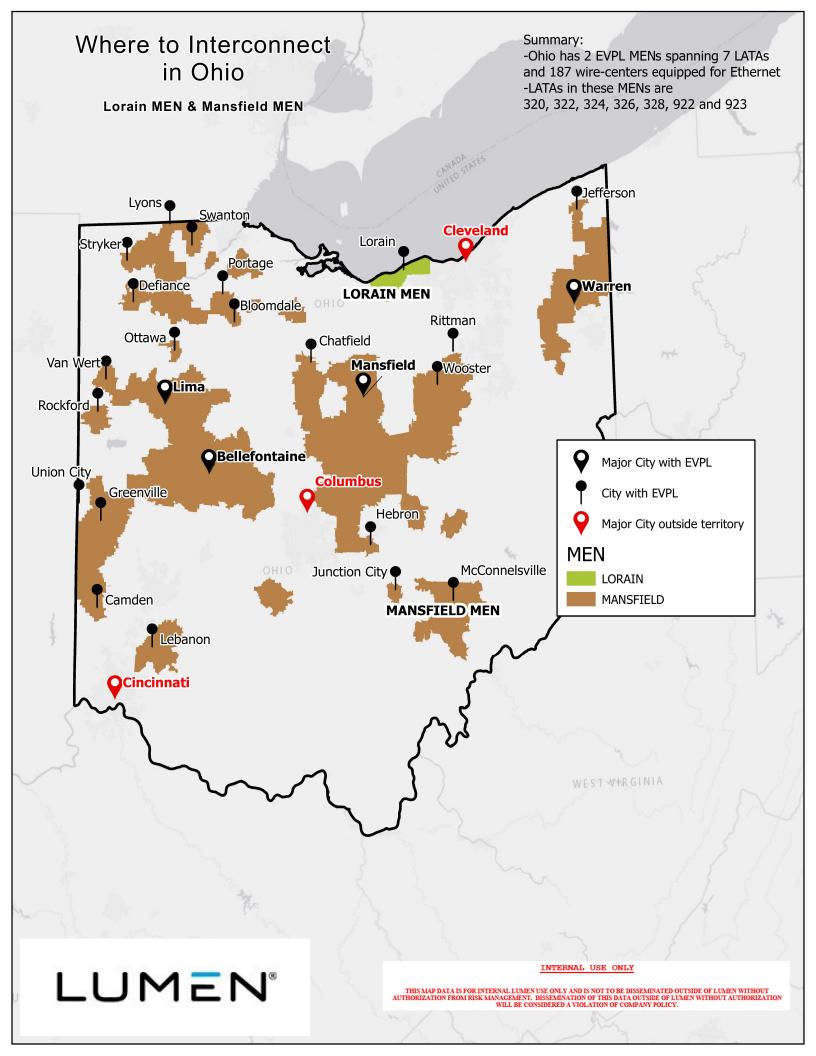
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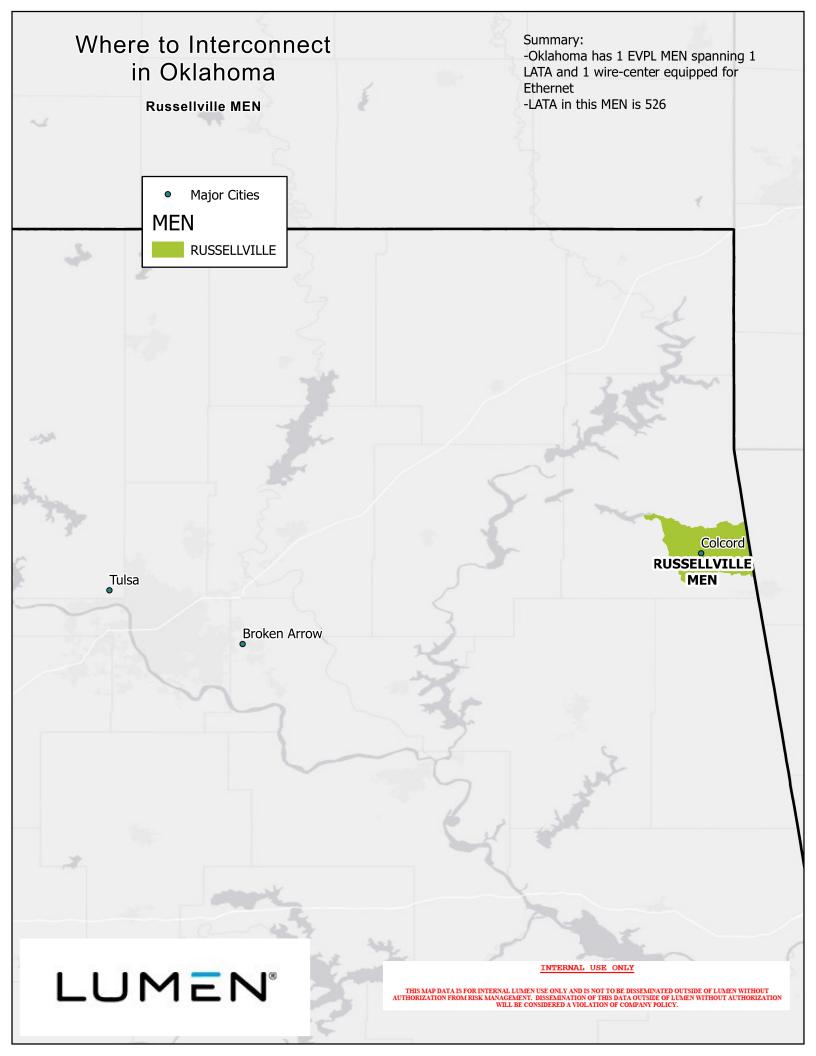
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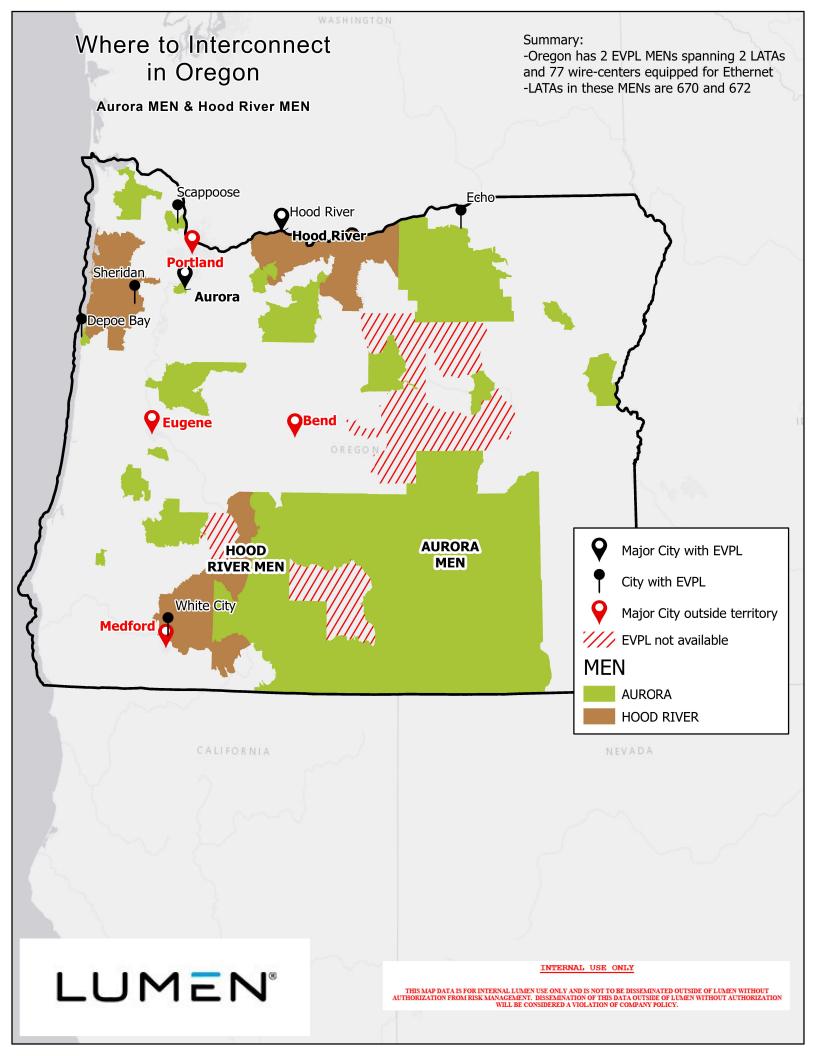


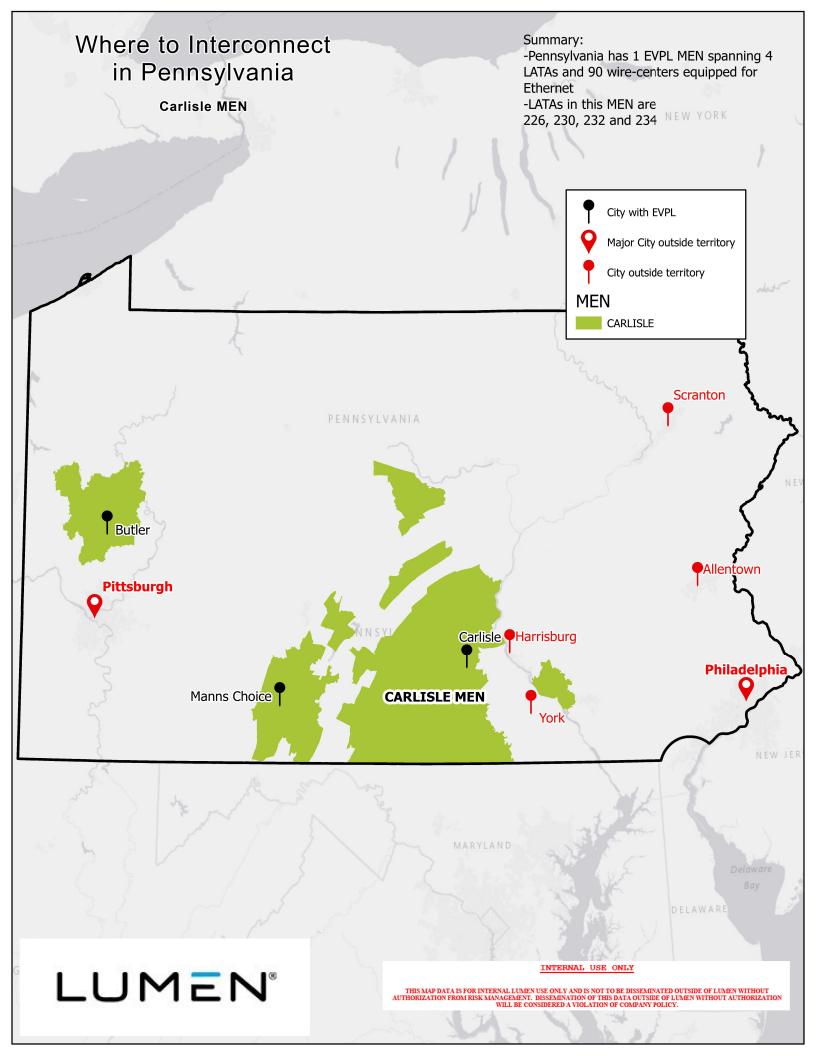


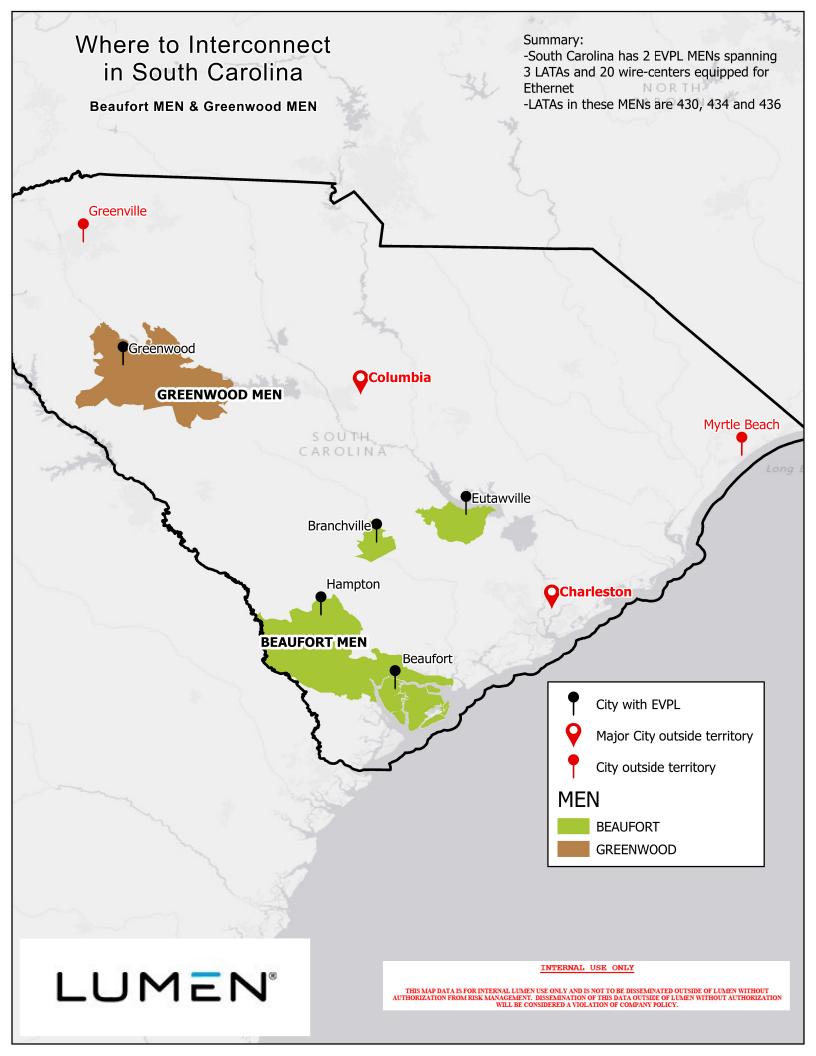


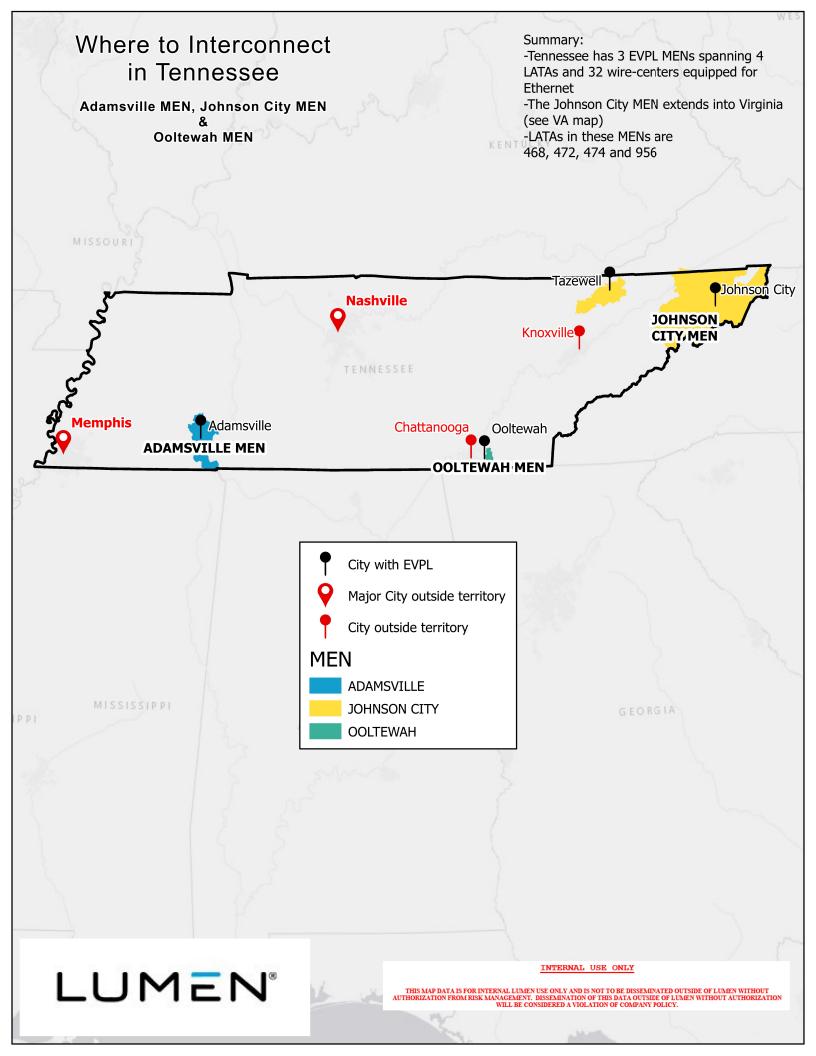


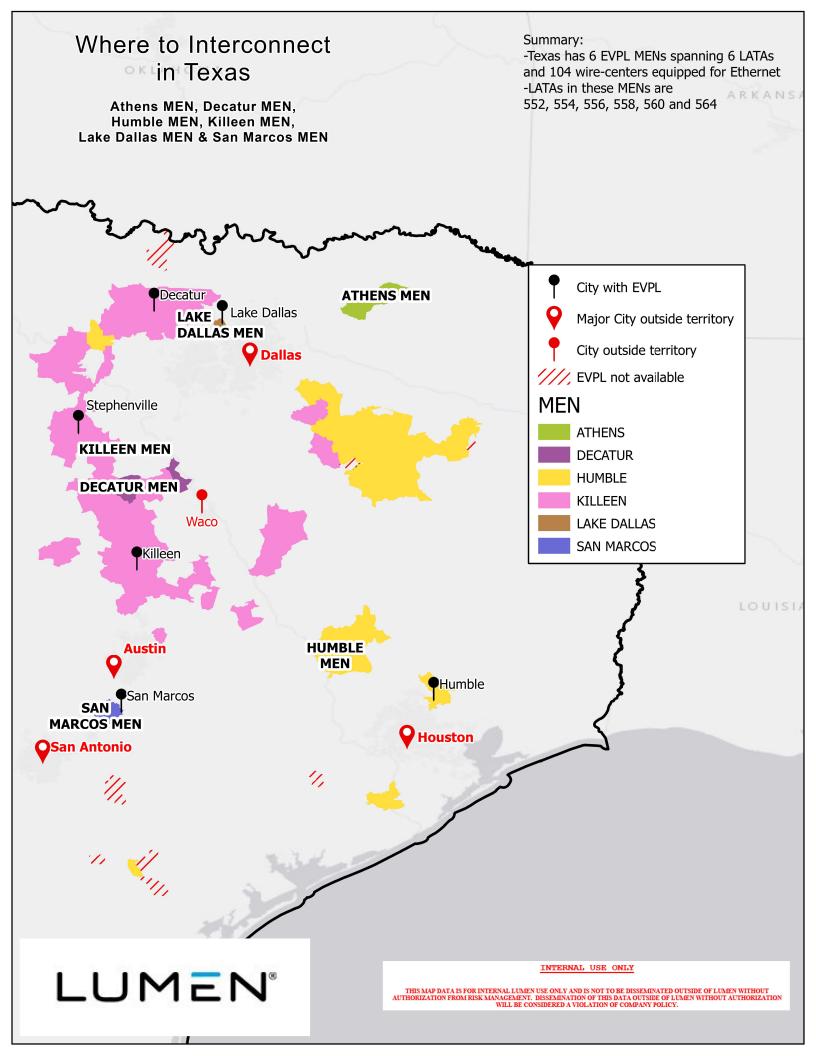


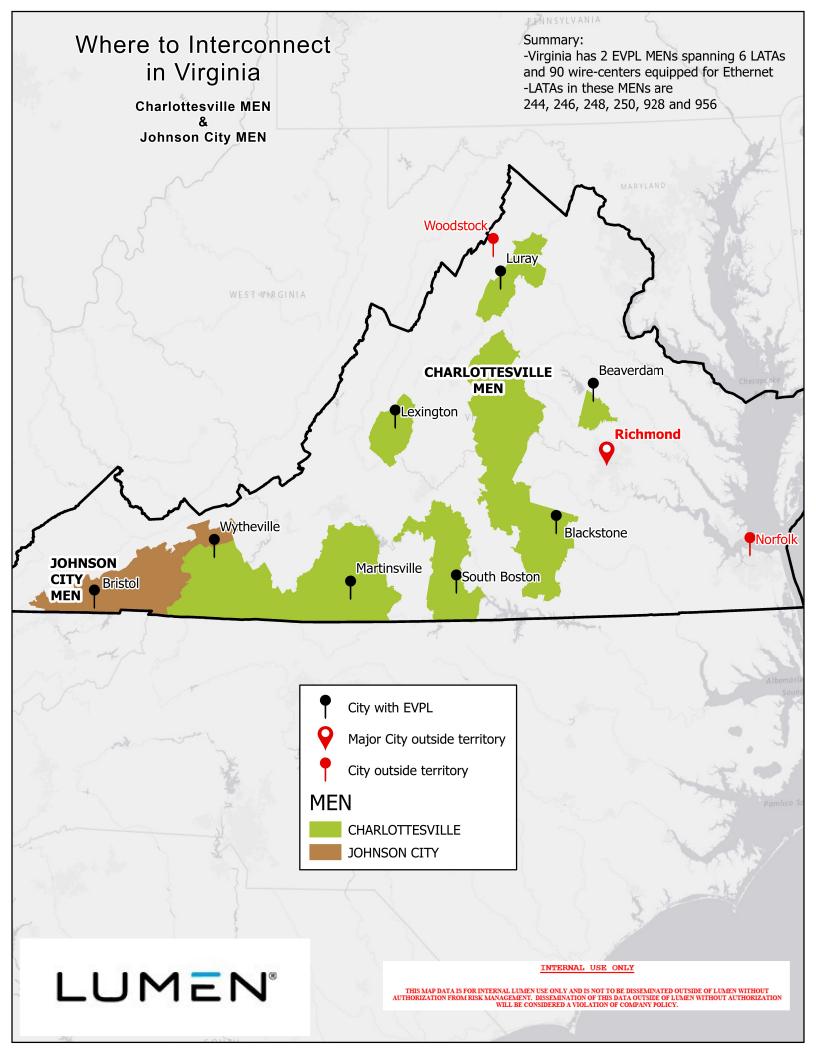


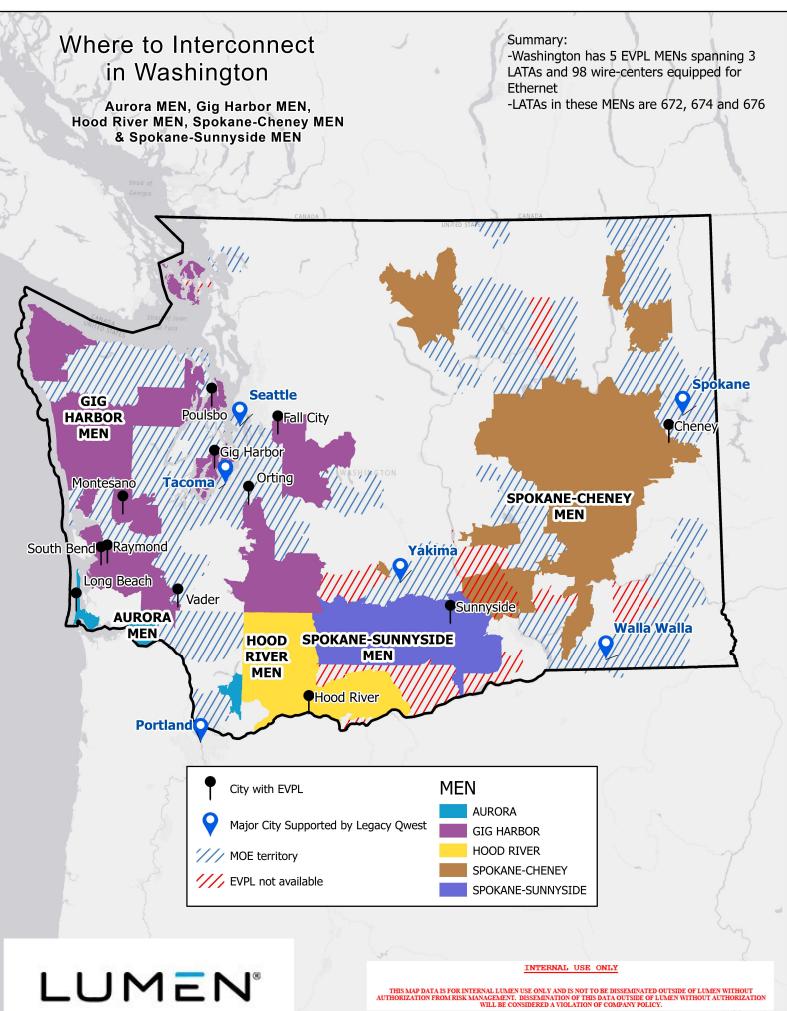












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